

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Commissioners and Citizens of Lafayette County, who will receive the 2005 Missouri Preservation Honor Award during a special presentation to be held February 23, 2005, in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, Missouri Preservation, known formally as the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation, is Missouri's only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities throughout the state; and

Whereas, during the 1980s, the Lexington city government began moving out of the imposing beaux art structure with its "floating dome", which had served as City Hall since 1905; and

Whereas, by 2001, the vacant building had reverted to County ownership and although studies showed it was structurally sound, the cost of rehabilitation seemed to destine it for destruction; and

Whereas, in 2002, Lafayette County Commissioners proposed and voters approved a bond issue for a major building project which included the \$1.2 million restoration of Old City Hall; and

Whereas, the restoration project included the cleaning and tuckpointing of the masonry, restoration of the dome, refinishing of the wooden staircase, repair of plaster walls and ceilings, and the suspension of the original six white glass light fixtures in the main lobby:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the Commissioners and Citizens of Lafayette County at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Commissioners and Citizens of Lafayette County.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Aull
District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. , adopted February 15, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker